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Letters for Discussion with Anthony R. PONCHAY  
on Rows of AMIGAR to Mexico

Rows

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For PONCHAY

The following is in response to your request for a summary of points that need to be clarified in discussions between you and Station Mexico on the forthcoming Rows of AMIGAR to Mexico City.

1. Political

A. The requirement that the "overt" office will consist of only three officials, the others being "covert", and the statement that "the presence of large AMIGAR in Mexico should not become known and never admitted".  
 C: MEX-594, 24 July. (Comment: It would appear impossible to comply with this requirement if there is to be an overt office and any AMIGAR publicity in Mexico or elsewhere, since the identities and whereabouts of all AMIGAR members will be a matter of public knowledge.)

B. The statement in para 3, MEX-594, that the Mexican Government will not be friendly unless AMIGAR activities and "plotting to overthrow Cuban Government" remain covert. (Comment: Since there is to be an overt office and propaganda department and AMIGAR has been, and will have to continue to be, described as a group organized for the purpose of removing the CASTRO government, their necessary propaganda activities toward this end cannot be covert. Could it be modified to apply only to agreement that no military invasion would be launched from Mexico?)

24.01 C. Clarification of the words "disavow" and "established" in the following statement by LIMA: "...may have to disavow AMIGAR and the effort should be established elsewhere in contact with AMIGAR in Mexico". (Comment: Since there will be no front LIMA to support AMIGAR, the term disavow is ambiguous. Let this constitute its being established that LIMA is in contact with AMIGAR. Certainly we can expect the charge will be made many times by the Soviets and Cubans.)

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 D. Possibility of [LIMA] holding meeting to brief [AMIGAR] on Cuban subversive activities Mexico (para 5, MEX-593) before arrival of AMIGAR, which would undoubtedly be of assistance in obtaining popular and official sympathy for AMIGAR activities.

2. Propaganda

24 C We plan to have AMIGAR propaganda department in Mexico, but it will be impossible for them to operate effectively, or indeed at all, if [LIMA] continues to insist on AMIGAR activities in Mexico "remaining covert" and not becoming public or press issues. We feel a tremendous publicity drive should be made throughout Latin America at the time of arrival of AMIGAR in Mexico. Station KOMAR assets will be needed to a large extent in improving the public and political climate to allow AMIGAR people to work effectively. Also, it is hoped Station will be able to guide and support AMIGAR, who will arrive in Mexico soon to produce 1 hour in exile, which will ostensibly be independent but actually will be pro-AMIGAR. AMIGAR will also make satirical, derogatory radio tapes for broadcasting over Radio KOMAR.

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3. PM

Requirements set forth DIR-40133, dated 15 July. If permission could be obtained for use this territory, even if only for 72 hours prior and during the main strike operation, the project would be advanced materially.

4. GI

A. We consider requirement that TWINKER contact with Station and with ANCIGAR be clandestine. Need Station's assistance in working out mechanics of these contacts.

24 B. Station's advice and assistance needed on following: (1) provision of ~~unilateral~~ telephone tape/mts installation operational data for ANCIGAR consumption; (2) protection ~~unilateral~~ (one, perhaps) of ANCIGAR members against enemy agent executive actions; (3) ~~unilateral~~ agent surveillants to check on security and loyalty of overt/covert ANCIGAR members; (4) selection of secure safe sites for housing of ANCIGAR members, for overt office, and for covert meeting sites.

24 C. ~~Mexican Government~~ capabilities in terms of protection of overt ANCIGAR members against enemy agent executive action operations.

D. Can Station communication facilities (pouch and cable) be used for secure AMIGP communications between members in Mexico and those in PEPPER and elsewhere?

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